GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RENT FOR BUILDING
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the corporate office of MTNL and the office of Delhi MTNL are functioning in Jeevan Bharati Building and Janpath Hote respectively have to pay crores of rupees as rent;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Kidwai Bhawan, Khurshid Lal Bhawan and the office of General Manager(Central), MTNL Building, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road have enough place to accommodate both offices presently functioning in Jeevan Bharati Building and Janpath Hotel and crores of rupees of the Corporation could be saved by shifting them;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Corporate Office of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) is working only from Jeevan Bharti Building for which a monthly rent of Rs. 31.614 lacs is being paid. CGM, Delhi Telephones is working in their own building at Khurshid Lal Bhawan, Eastern Court and their units are spread all over Delhi both in Departmental and rented accommodation. With expansion of Delhi Telephones, some space has also been hired at Hotel Janpath at a monthly rent of Rs. 3.851 lacs.

(b) No, Sir. The space at Kidwai Bhawan, Khurshid Lal Bhawan and C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road is not adequate to accommodate both offices. However, one branch of Delhi Unit presently functioning in Hotel Janpath is under shift to CGO complex, Lodhi Road.

(c) Some branches of Delhi Unit are under shifting from Chanderlok Building to Lodhi Road and the vacant accommodation is being made available to Corporate Office.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) & (c) above.